

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please amend paragraph [0085] of the specification as follows:**

“[0085] In the first operation for preparation of this powder, X-ray powder diffraction analysis of the powder was conducted. As a result, it was identified as a single crystal phase made of a composite oxide having a perovskite structure of  $\text{La}_{1.05}\text{Fe}_{0.57}\text{Co}_{0.38}\text{Pd}_{0.05}\text{O}_{3+\delta}$ .  ~~$\text{La}_{1.05}\text{Fe}_{0.57}\text{Co}_{0.38}\text{Pd}_{0.50}\text{O}_{3+\delta}$~~  The powder was found to have a specific surface area of 11 m<sup>2</sup>/g and a Pd content in the composite oxide of 2.10% by mass.”